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GROUP FORMATION/MANAGEMENT :
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DEVICE, AND MEMBER DEVICE :

**REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT OF
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attached references be placed in the application file of the above-identified U.S. patent. The references are: (1) U.S. 7,526,657; (2) JP 2002-169726 (corresponds to 1); and (3) Hitachi Ltd., Intel Corporation, Matsushita Electric Industrial, Co. Ltd., Sony Corporation and Toshiba Corporation, "The Founders", "5C Digital Transmission Content Protection White Paper," Revision 1.0, 1998, pp. 1-13.

Respectfully submitted,

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